OIPE APR 1 3 2006

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78213

Yoshisada Nakamura, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/696,361

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No.: 7587

Examiner: Susan Shuk Yin Lee

Filed: October 30, 2003

For: PROCESS FOR CLEANING AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS THEREFOR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of December 14, 2005 to April 14, 2006.

A check for the statutory fee of \$120.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

Telephone: (202) 293-7060

Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373
CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: April 13, 2006

Respectfully submitted.

Brett S. Sylvester

Registration No. 32,765